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Gene J. Cloud Jr. has been added to: Missing Persons list in the State of Wisconsin



Sanford LittleEagle
Staff Writer

On Wednesday, January 25, 2012 after leaving a family member's residence in the Black River Falls area, Gene Cloud, Jr. drove his girlfriend's car on secondary roads towards Warrens, WI. County Highway O in the Town of Millston runs eastbound into a heavily wooded area known for hunting and ATV trails. Thick fluffy snowflakes blanketed the roads, and the roads were icy. Gene noticed a squad car in his rearview mirror that was out on patrol in the rural area. The Sheriff's Deputy had not even run the plates of the car Gene was driving. Around 7 a.m. the deputy then witnessed the car crossing the center line into the oncoming lanes ditch, facing the direction he was driving.

"The Deputy stopped to help him," said Chief Deputy Mark Moen of the Jackson County Sheriff's Department. When the Deputy asked for identification Gene fled from the

disabled vehicle into the woods. Sheriff's Department officials state they did not know who Gene was until Thursday January 26, 2012. All the Sheriff's Department could go on was whose name the vehicle's plates were in, which was not Gene or his girlfriend. The vehicle was registered in his girlfriend's sister's name. After making contact with the owner, Cloud was suspected of being the person driving the car into the ditch. Gene, who may have been under the influence, had many fears of the outcome of the

Sheriff's presence; would his girlfriend be mad about the car? Was he going to jail? Many reasons probably went through his head, whatever the reason was; he decided to flee from the scene. There were no other known occupants in the vehicle. Cloud had gotten a puppy a couple weeks earlier and when he ran into the woods, he did have the Dachshund with him.

It is not clear in this case why the Deputy did not pursue Gene on foot. The relatives where Gene was the night before awoke to

Gene not being there in the morning. On his Facebook account, also known as Breezy, last posted on January 25 at 4:29 a.m. saying, "Ims if u awake", meaning for his Facebook friends to "Like" his status update if they were awake at that time too. A pretty common post, yet it was his last post. Nine hours and thirty six minutes later, Gene's girlfriend went on his page, as she has the whole time since Cloud has been missing, asking him to call or come home.

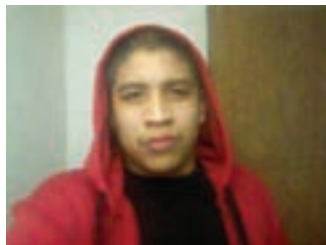
Simone (Cloud) Zane, Gene's mother sat down

for an interview with the Hockak Worak and one of the reasons she spoke with us was to get the word out about Gene J. Cloud's disappearance. Simone was very emotional and has been very distraught over the last few weeks since learning Gene has not been seen or heard from. As many of us that are on Facebook, much of the dialogue regarding Gene Missing has lead to a lot of rumors, sightings, and questions. "My son is missing. He has not contacted us." Gene has four sisters and one brother. Gene stays in daily contact with his brother texting, calling, and Facebook. Since January 25, that has stopped. No one has heard from him.

Simone did report her son Gene missing. When she reported her son missing, she was told that Gene had warrants for his arrest. A records check showed that Gene did have a few outstanding body warrants for a failure to appear for a traffic violation. Initial search efforts were stalled by the Jackson County Sheriff's Department, due to Cloud eluding and

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Missing Adult Gene Jacob Cloud Jr.



DOB: December 07, 1991

Missing: January 25, 2012

Age: 20

Sex: Male

Race: Native American

Hair Color: Black

Eye Color: Brown

Height: 5'8"

Weight: 140 lbs

Missing From: Black River Falls, Wisconsin

General information

Gene Jacob Cloud Jr., was last seen on January 25, 2012 near the Millston area in southern Jackson County. It has been reported that Gene was observed a short time later walking on Highway O, but his whereabouts since that time is unknown.

Gene was last seen wearing a black stocking hat, black jeans, a red hooded sweatshirt, a black leather jacket, and black shoes.

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a first come first serve basis.

Dear Editor:

Recently I was asked the question, **what does HHCDA do for the Ho-Chunk Nation?** I was surprised because it appears obvious to me, but sometimes that message needs to be repeated. The simple answer is that HHCDA maintains and builds the largest amount of rental housing for those living in Ho-Chunk villages (250 units), as well as operates Community Buildings, maintains public spaces, provides assistance to low income homeowners, provides education and down payment assistance to homebuyers and operates a small fund to assist very needy urban renters. Ho-Chunk Housing and Community Development Agency, or **HHCDA** for short, provides long-term housing for **low-income** Ho-Chunk Tribal members and other Native Americans in Sand Pillow, the Indian Mission, Nekoosa, Indian Heights, Winnebago Heights (Christmas Mountain), Ho-Chunk Village, West Salem, Onalaska, Wittenberg, Cottage Grove, South Madison and Blue Wing. HHCDA keeps the units repaired and up to decent quality standards by inspecting them annually and addressing deficiencies and problems as they arise. For example, HHCDA has replaced 20 furnaces over the last heating season at about \$3,000 each.

HHCDA also maintains and operates Community Buildings, which at times seems a thankless task. **HHCDA operates**

Community Buildings in Blue Wing, the Mission, Indian Heights, and Chak-Hah-chee. Everyone likes to have community facilities but regularly complains about being charged for the use of it. Minimal community building charges are \$50 per 24 hour period. This helps defray the overall cost of these buildings' operations as they must be heated in winter, cooled in summer, provided electricity, insurance, garbage collection, clean up after use, water for kitchens, toilets and basic sanitation. This is not cheap and the charge for a large public space is fairly minimal compared to charges at other public buildings for similar use. HHCDA does not charge for funerals, area meetings and elections, but bears the cost as a public service to the Ho-Chunk Nation. However, we often hear complaints that the charge is too much, that use should be free, or that we should check after each use because the last user left the building a mess, even when the last user agreed to leave the building in clean condition for the next user. The use policies were placed there to protect the use of these buildings far into the future. Over the last six months, HHCDA has offered to turn over these Community Buildings to the Nation to operate but has not received a firm answer that the Nation wishes to accept them and their attendant costs. Until we hear otherwise, HHCDA will continue to operate these community buildings

under the current rules, with an open offer to allow the Nation to accept the custody and responsibility for their operation.

HHCDA also provides and **maintains public space** for the Nation, mostly in our core villages such as the Sand Pillow ball parks and walking trail. Indian Heights, Blue Wing, Nekoosa and Wittenberg each have had ball parks put in, or maintained, by HHCDA Development staff. Most of these have been requested by the Communities themselves. We plow sidewalks in winter and cut the grass and maintain public playgrounds in the summer. HHCDA is regularly asked each year to add more of these types of services during our planning sessions, such as requests to build or maintain outdoor basketball courts, skateboard parks, walking trails, sidewalks, par or Frisbee golf courses. Some of these you haven't seen yet because housing remains our first priority and development of such facilities requires land, funding and community support sufficient to sustain their operation.

Another service HHCDA provides is the **TRIP or Tribal Repair and Improvement Program** which is a grant program up to \$20,000 per low income HCN home owner throughout the United States to repair their primary place of residence by updating or repairing doors, windows, roofs, bathrooms or foundations to preserve and enhance the homes' livability

and energy efficiency. This has been used to repair faulty siding, insulate attics, shore up a sagging foundation, replace worn out water heaters and furnaces as needed. The main limitations are that the home can't be sold for five years without paying back some of the grant which is forgiven 20% each year that the homeowner remains in the home. Due to funding limitations, HHCDA provides this on a first come - first served basis until the funding runs out, with varies from five to seven households being assisted annually. Due to the high demand each homeowner is only eligible once in a lifetime.

HHCDA continues to provide homebuyer education to any HCN member regardless of income. In addition, we provide down payment assistance [DPA] to homebuyers whose incomes are up to 100% of the median family income for our area. By cooperation with the HCN Dept of Housing and Neighborhood Housing Services of Richland County we seek to give the highest amount of DPA each homebuyer is eligible for, usually about \$5000.

In summary, HHCDA provides many services to members of the Ho-Chunk Nation. Nearly all rentals are below market cost because our HUD mandated service is to primarily serve American Indians who make 80% or less of the median family income. At one point that meant nearly 100%

of the Ho-Chunk Nation population, but thankfully due to the prosperity of HCN Enterprises, which employ many tribal members and return dividends to the Nation, more and more members are becoming homeowners and moving up economically.

HHCDA may be just a name, but it starts with Ho-Chunk. It was born by the need for housing by Ho-Chunk people, and HHCDA employees never forget that heritage. HHCDA serves the Ho-Chunk people as exemplified by the fact that over 95% of all of our tenants are tribal members. Today our workers are out in the Ho-Chunk community every day repairing and keeping our units in good working order while planning the next housing project. We have an excellent record of sound fiscal management demonstrated by clean audits required by HUD. **Nearly every unit is occupied** or in the process of having a qualified low-income Ho-Chunk family move in. Currently we have **less than two units** out of service per village in any given month and we have a waiting list. Several villages have had no vacancies for months at a stretch. That means that the need for our services continues and is growing.

On the behalf of our HHCDA employees,

Mark Butterfield,
HHCDA Executive Director

Ho-Chunk Nation Police Department: Frequently Asked Questions & Common Misconceptions

Submitted by HCN Tribal Law Enforcement

1. How come you don't see the HCN Police out in the community?

The Ho-Chunk Nation Chief of Police Daniel Libke, was sworn into office in September 2010. Then, on November 8, 2010, the Legislature passed Resolution 11-3-10C, which formally permitted the establishment of a Police Department for the Ho-Chunk Nation. Since that time, the Chief of Police has been working on obtaining necessary funding and equipment for the Department, developing administrative policies, and working with other law enforcement agencies.

On February 2, 2012, the Chief of Police unveiled two (2) squad cars during a ceremony at Ho-Chunk Gaming in Nekoosa. These

two (2) police vehicles should be up and running by March and Chief Libke can begin patrolling the Ho-Chunk community in Jackson County. As of today's date, Chief Libke remains the only sworn officer for the Ho-Chunk Nation. The police department is in the process of hiring an officer, who will begin patrolling once (s)he is hired.

2. Will there be duplication of services?

No. Currently, the Jackson County Sheriff's Department provides limited patrols on Ho-Chunk land in Jackson County. The County does not enforce Ho-Chunk Nation codes and ordinances. The Ho-Chunk Nation Police Department will be able to provide patrols and enforce Ho-Chunk law and Wisconsin law on Ho-Chunk Nation lands.

3. Do the HCN Police have arrest authority?

Yes, Chief of Police does have arrest authority. He is a Certified Sworn Law Enforcement Officer. All future officers will be required to be or become State Certified as well.

4. Where does the Ho-Chunk Nation Police have jurisdiction?

The Ho-Chunk Nation Police Department has jurisdiction over all Ho-Chunk land and properties.

5. How big is the police force?

Currently the Ho-Chunk Nation staffs (1) Chief of Police and (1) Law Enforcement Office Administrator. We are in the process of hiring (1) Patrolman. The Police Department hopes to increase

the number of patrolman over the next few years to provide twenty-four (24) hour coverage for Ho-Chunk properties within Jackson County. Eventually, the Police Department would like to expand enough to provide services to Ho-Chunk land throughout Wisconsin.

6. What are the hours and location for the HCN Police Department?

The HCN Police Department is currently housed in the Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal Courts Building. Staff is available Monday to Friday, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm and can be reached at (715) 284-2658. All emergency calls should still be placed to 911. In case of an emergency after hours, community members should call 911.

7. What level of force can the HCN Police use?

As Certified Law Enforcement Officer's, Ho-Chunk Nation police officers acting in their official capacity will have the authority to use full force, if necessary.

8. Are the Ho-Chunk Police Officers actually certified Police Officers?

Yes, the Chief of Police is a Certified Law Enforcement Officer. The new Patrolman must be State Certified or able to attain state certification.

9. Will P.L. 280 still apply on Ho-Chunk Land?

Yes, Public Law 280, will still apply on Ho-Chunk Land, that is why Ho-Chunk police officers will still be required to enforce Wisconsin criminal law and all Ho-Chunk Nation laws. Public Law 280 is a federal law transferring federal law enforcement authority to a handful of states, including Wisconsin.

Ho-Chunk Nation Health Department teams up with Black River Memorial Hospital to prevent diabetes

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Karena Thundercloud, Ho-Chunk Nation Health Department's Diabetes Prevention Program; Margaret Fait, President of the Black River Memorial Hospital Diabetes Education & Support Group; and Paula Przywojski, Black River Memorial Hospital Dietician have teamed up to present Meetings After Five, a series of cost free programs being held at the Black River Memorial Hospital to prevent Diabetes. Thundercloud said, "Diabetes is preventable. You don't have to have it. There are no symptoms to Pre-Diabetes."

The Ho-Chunk Nation Health Department and the Black River Memorial Hospital Diabetes Education and Support Group were awarded a \$2,500.00 grant from The Lunda Charitable Trust to provide Diabetes prevention programs. Programs include: Diabetes and Exercise on March 19th, Why Am I So Angry? on

June 19th, Diabetes Burnout on September 17th, and Carbohydrates Counting for the Holidays on November 12th. The partnership hopes to bring people with Diabetes, Pre-Diabetes, and family and friends together to share experiences and learn to live healthy lives. The partners plan to use the grant to cover office materials and advertising.

Margaret Tait said, "We want to make people aware of this partnered effort. Nowhere in the state (of Wisconsin) is there a partnership like we have here. We want to offer more educational opportunities." Przywojski said, "Jackson County ranks high for obesity and diabetes throughout the state. Our educational classes advise participants to go to the doctor. Our support group meets the second Wednesday of the month. We educate and support, and offer a quarterly newsletter through the Black River Memorial Hospital."

Some of the risk factors for Diabetes are being



Margaret Fait, President of the Black River Memorial Hospital Diabetes Education & Support Group; Karena Thundercloud, Ho-Chunk Nation Health Department's Diabetes Prevention Program; and Paula Przywojski, Black River Memorial Hospital Dietician partner to Prevent Diabetes.

overweight, family history, and having a baby weighing more than 9 pounds. Thundercloud said, "We applied for the grant early

last summer, and did our initial planning last fall. The Ho-Chunk Nation's Diabetes Program is comprehensive and taught by certified

trainers." The partnership will combine the two programs resources to benefit its participants.

BASICS CLASS

Learn to live well with diabetes!

Diabetes BASICS is a series of seven classes over a four month period, covering the basics of diabetes management, including: what is diabetes, medications, meal planning, physical activity, high/low blood sugars, heart health, preventing complications, and managing stress.

Having the knowledge to manage your diabetes is the first step to living well with it.

Class will be starting on March 5, 2012 in Black River Falls at the Ho-Chunk Health Care Center. A member of the DM team will need to meet with you to do Assessments (Diabetes History). At this point there is still room for participants, but keep in mind that we can only allow up to 10 participants per class.

You will gain knowledge and empowerment that will last a lifetime! The Diabetes BASICS is a curriculum from the International Diabetes Center in Minneapolis, MN and brought to you by the Ho-Chunk Health Department.

For information, please contact Tina McArthur at the HCHCC 1-888-685-4422 or 715-284-9851, x 5359.

Attention: The Next Deadline of the Hocak Worak will be March 9th which will be published on March 16th. Please contact Enrollment at ext. 1015 if you have a change of address or would like to be placed on the mailing list.

Ho-Chunk Health Care Center in Black River Falls

Diabetes Learning Circle

March 2012

Date	Topic
March 1	The Real Truth About Losing Weight
March 15	Community Member Sharing Successes

The Diabetes Learning Circle is a morning presentation and breakfast designed to provide people with information regarding diabetes prevention and management. Anyone is welcome to attend but we ask that you register for a seat.

The program is from 8:30- 9:15 each scheduled day in the Ho-Chunk Health Care Center Conference Classroom. A nutritious breakfast is served during the program. (Topics are subject to change).

For more information or to register contact:

Kathy Braaten, Community Health Nutritionist, 715-284-9851 ext. 5335

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Meet the Wittenberg TAU Chef

Tracy Pecore
Editor

Would you like to meet the head chef at the Wittenberg Tribal Aging Unit? I did. So on an early Thursday morning, I made my way to Pac cinak and hung out with head chef, Annette Littlewolf.

Originally from Wittenberg, at the age of 18 years old, Littlewolf made her way to Milwaukee and resided there where she eventually had four boys and two girls. Over the years, Littlewolf has worked with the Ho-Chunk Nation since 1988, then came home two and half years ago and began working at the TAU in August, 2009.

Currently living in Wausau, Littlewolf is up at the crack of dawn washing, peeling, slicing and dicing, and preparing fresh biscuits for the Wittenberg elders to enjoy; especially on the Thursdays that breakfast is served. It usually takes about an hour and a half to prepare to start serving at 8:30 in the morning. She said, "I love cooking, I've done it all my life." She loves to cook from scratch and doesn't use processed food; everything is homemade. She also doesn't try to serve too much bread or cook with salt, but does treat the elders to frybread once a month and they love it. Most times, food is boiled or baked and nothing is fried because it's not nutritious.

Reminiscing about her childhood, "Growing up, TAU's didn't exist," Littlewolf said. "Back then, life was more family oriented and families would come over and eat cuz' they just knew it

was dinner time; kind of like what we do today, eat with each other and talk about the good old days." Although she does not consider herself a fluent speaker, she can understand quite a bit of the Ho-Chunk language and enjoys hearing elders speak it or speak to her in the language.

Caroline Greyhair Koukos, AKA Pee Wee, has also worked with the TAU since June, 2011. She remembers having to haul pails of water and having to wash dishes by hand. "We didn't have stuff like this (pointing at the fancy dishwasher and water sprayer used to wash dishes)." At home, during her younger years, Littlewolf remembers her family having their own garden. She especially remembers her brother (Edward Richard Littlewolf), acting as the "straw boss" and being real bossy too.

With that being said, in the summer of 2011, Littlewolf and the rest of the staff were able to put their gardening skills to work. A community member (Terry Tech) brought in black dirt which they placed in a small flower bed in front of the TAU, and they were very thankful and excited to grow zucchini, peas, squash, carrots, and green beans. The elders ate fresh veggies through September. Ho-Chunk tribal member, Sidney Lewis, brought in several cases of apples in which they peeled and sliced, and then froze to preserve them for future apple pies and cobbler cakes.

Now that they know they can do it, they hope to make a bigger garden this summer and add Indian Corn and potatoes; and the flower bed will go back to planted flowers.

Going back in history, Ho-Chunk people used to eat a lot of deer meat, muskrat, rabbit, and much more. Today, we have to worry about CWD and Lyme's disease which can be life threatening. Littlewolf noted that two grandchildren in her family contracted Lyme's Disease and it almost killed them. Since then, they were asked (by her mother) to not eat deer meat. Littlewolf said, "I don't eat deer meat

too often or make it. I don't even make it for special doings, but out of respect I will take a taste of it when attending different events."

After talking about deer meat and Lyme's disease, Littlewolf remembered trying a beaver roast made by Ruth Cloud; an excellent cook and awesome frybread maker in her time. She said it was her first time ever eating beaver and didn't know what to expect but as Ruth began adding her seasonings, the aroma filled the air. She remembers it being real greasy and real delicious at the same time. Unfortunately, she said, "It was too rich for our blood (with a chuckle), and it went right through us!"

One of the most memorable and fun experiences while working at the TAU for Caroline, was when they made 172 frosted cookies for Thanksgiving. Both Caroline and Annette said holidays are always fun because they decorate for the occasion. Each month, they celebrate one big birthday meal for the elder's and sing, along with having cake and ice cream. Marty Littlewolf even showed up one time and sang a few happy birthday songs for them.

Besides breakfast and lunch, they also participate in different activities such as Bingo, games, and movies. "That's when everyone shows up," said Littlewolf, "but that's good they get out and enjoy themselves."

Day to day elders drive over just to say hello to the staff and others present, and either sit and chat for a while or pick-up their meal. There are two people that deliver meals to the community as well. Each day is different and Littlewolf said, "As long as elders are showing up, I'll keep cooking." She also



Annette and Caroline preparing a breakfast dish.

mentioned, "That's what we were taught at a young age as Ho-Chunk people, feed the people, especially our elders." She remembered one winter when we got dumped on with snow, no plows were out yet, and snow was up to her knees but she was so dedicated, she made sure the elders got their meals.

In closing, it was a pleasure to just sit, listen, and watch

different ones come and go from the Wittenberg TAU. I felt at ease and had no worries. As a younger person, sometimes things are taken for granted and you forget about the small things in life, such as just sitting and enjoying your meal. Today, too many people are always on the go and don't take the time to just sit, relax, and enjoy each other's company.



The Flower bed in front of the TAU used for a garden in the summer of 2011.



Annette Littlewolf and Caroline Greyhair Koukos pose in front of today's technology.

March Elders Birthdays

1. Lucille Roberts	12. Woodrow White	24. Elaine Blackhawk
2. Elizabeth Greyhair	13. Nancy Smith	Loren Payer
3. Owen Cloud	Andrea Pence	25. Helene Lincoln
5. Gary Keller	Judith Ann	26. Velma Lewis
7. Lillian Thundercloud	Thundercloud	Patricia Decorah
Wayne Johnson	Purcel Delrosa	Marcella Duke
8. George Youngthunder	Chloris Lowe Jr.	27. Ray Lopez
9. Morgan WhiteEagle	14. Gloria Godfrey	Frieda Blackcoon
10. Elliot Garvin	Alvin Alderman	Paul Whitehorse
Geraldine Conery	Mary Ellen Allowan	28. Phyllis McCloud
Patricia Ennis	Bonnie Smith	Walter Whitehorse
Theresa Lema	15. Francis Steindorf	29. Stephanie Higgins
11. Norman Snake Sr.	16. Esther Redhawk	30. Clara Swan
Janice Stott	18. Harlan Hendrix	Lionel Cloud
Mary Whitegull	19. Dennis Whitehorse	William Goodbear
12. Janice Savage	Maureen Sanford	31. Marcie Patton
Lavon Wright	20. Brenda Brown	Delores Beatty
Daniel Topping	23. Fidel Delrosa	
Dale Garvin	Rena Moser	

Ho-Chunk Poets: Rap & Roll

Marlon WhiteEagle
Staff Writer

Ho-Chunk Poets Sherman Funmaker and Theodore Brown read their work during Rap & Roll: Contemporary Native American Poetry at the Village Booksmith in Baraboo on Friday, February 10. The Village Booksmith hosts "Second Friday" Poetry and "Open Stage" Poetry monthly.

Sherman started out the night by reading eight selected poems from his collection featuring two poems titled Crazy Driven and Another First Kiss. First off, Funmaker gave an introduction about himself. He said he dropped out of Mauston High School at age 16 due to a rough school life. He said, "There were only a couple of us native kids going to school in Mauston, and we were looked down upon. I did go on to earn my G.E.D."

Today, Funmaker pushes for getting an education as he went to college at age 50 to earn an English degree. "You never know what's going to happen. Education gives you a good base to grow from; wherever life takes you. I entered school wanting to major in Business, took a couple required English courses, and found out I could write. I fell in love with writing and took every English class I could," said Funmaker.

In 2007, Funmaker began studying at University of New Mexico in Albuquerque, New Mexico where he took classes in theatre, acting, and film. He said, "I like the storytelling aspect of evoking thoughts and/or emotions. You can leave the reader feeling happy and satisfied." After one year, he ran out of money and moved back to

Wisconsin. Upon his return, he founded the Ho-Chunk Players with Ho-Chunk youth from the Baraboo and Wisconsin Dells area.

Through this effort, Funmaker stumbled on the talents of Mister Walker and Theodore Brown. He began mentoring them and taking them to open mic performances. The three were the only Native American poet representation at the World Congress of Poets Tour in Wisconsin Dells last fall, which had visitors from 16 countries.

Theodore Brown took to the stage and read a couple of his pieces in rap format. Brown said writing inspires him and he enjoys focusing on his writing. He said, "My brother was always writing and I got a sense I could do it." Brown usually raps along with Mister Walker and musical



Theodore Brown and Sherman Funmaker read at the Village Booksmith in Baraboo for the Second Friday Poetry event Rap & Roll.

accompaniment, but this time he read his work from a cell phone.

Funmaker said, "I began working with youth to keep them out of trouble. They go

to Youth Services to get help with homework. I get to test their creativity. I like working with the youth on writing, it shows them they can do it."

Annual National Native HIV/AIDS Awareness Day

Submitted by Kiana Beaudin, PA-C

March 20th is the 5th Annual National Native HIV/AIDS Awareness Day. It is also the first day of spring and in many Native communities, marks a time of ceremony and new beginnings. National Native HIV/AIDS Awareness Day is a day to honor those who have passed as a result of AIDS and it is a time to renew our commitment to stop this infection among our people. Take the test, fight the stigma and promote a healthy lifestyle!

Please join us at House of Wellness Tuesday, March 20th from 11-1 for our event. We will be having a Ho-Chunk tribal member, who is HIV positive, speak about her experience. There will also be informational booths and HIV testing on site.

HIV testing is available at both clinics. If you cannot make it to either

of the Nation's clinic sites, please call your local community health office for more information on testing.

What is HIV?

HIV stands for Human Immunodeficiency Virus. A virus that destroys the body's immune system, Resulting in AIDS.

How do you get HIV?

- Unprotected sexual intercourse with an HIV-infected person.
- Sharing needles during IV drug use, or accidentally being stuck by a needle/sharp object with infected blood on it.

- Receiving infected blood/blood products prior to March 1985.

- Pregnancy, childbirth, breastfeeding, where the virus is passed from mother to child.

- Transplanted organs from infected donors prior to March 1985

What is AIDS?

AIDS stands for Aquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome, and is the end result of an HIV infection, when your body can no longer fight off opportunistic infections.

How can I prevent the spread of the infection?

- Know your status AND your partner's status.

- Use condoms every time.

- Don't share needles.

Needle exchange programs are available in the following cities:

- Appleton
- Kenosha
- Racine
- Beloit
- La Crosse
- Schofield
- Eau Claire
- Madison
- Superior
- Green Bay



The choking game: What every parent needs to know

Submitted by
Criss Swanson,
RN: Nurse Educator

The choking game has many different names such as Space Monkey, Flat-liner, Lions & Tigers, Airplaning, or Twitching Game just to name a few. This deadly so-called game is not a game at all; it is an activity in which the goal is to cut off the blood supply to the brain by various techniques so one can experience a so-called "high" without taking drugs or alcohol. The dangers of this activity are that one can die, suffer permanent brain damage, stroke, or have serious injuries as the result of falling or passing out. This thrill seeking activity has been around for centuries and with today's social media like YouTube, for instance, it is becoming a glamorized "Game." The warning signs to look for include:

- Marks or bruises on the neck
- Bloodshot eyes
- Wearing clothing that covers the neck, even in warm seasons
- Marked confusion or disorientation after being alone for a period of time
- The unusual items in room such as dog leashes, ropes, scarves, bungee cords, and belts

- Complaints of frequent headaches

- Bleeding under the skin noticeably to the face and eyelids

Other signs to look for include:

- Wear marks on bedposts, door knobs, or closet rods
- Bed sheets or belts left on door knobs or on furniture
- The frequency need for privacy usually behind locked doors

Statistics show most

occurrences happen when the parent is home with the child, usually behind their locked bedroom door. Nearly 1,000 deaths occur annually just in the United States alone. Many of these deaths go undetected because many are ruled as a suicide. The average age of youngsters doing this is fourteen, but there have been reports of occurrences as young as six year olds to college students.

You can bring awareness to the dangerous activity by talking with your children. Resources are available either through the schools, your local health departments, or the organization called G.A.S.P. (Games Adolescents Shouldn't Play) that was founded right here in Wisconsin. For more information please visit gaspinfo.com.

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For details, call:

Ho-Chunk Health Care Center (HHCC)

Joyce Rockman, Benefit Specialist

(715)284-9851 or (888)685-4422

Autumn Whiteagle, Benefit Coordinator (HOW)

(608)355-1240 or (888)552-7889

HO-CHUNK HEALTH CARE CENTER 2012 MAMMOGRAM CLINIC DATES

JAN 6	JULY 13
FEB 3	AUG 10
MAR 2	SEPT 14
APR 13	OCT 19
MAY 11	NOV 16
JUN 15	DEC 14

HOUSE OF WELLNESS 2012 MAMMOGRAM CLINIC DATES: MAR 26

Scheduled every other month; call HOW for future dates

Part III:

The Ho-Chunk spiritual life document

Submitted by Helen Miner

The second document is the Winnebago Scriptures published in 1907. This century-old spiritual document points us to the Holy Bible, here we have all the words God wants us to know about Jesus Christ's life, death, and resurrection and its meaning for the lives of believers.

"If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen." (1 Peter 4:11 [KJV]).

Winnebago Scriptures 1907

The American Bible Society published the Winnebago Scriptures in 1907. In the November 24, 1902, letter to the American Bible Society, Reverend Jacob Stucki states, "The following are the parts translated: The four Gospels, Acts, Exodus 19 & 20, Gen. 1 to 3 Chapt., the Creed and the Lord's Prayer. The Gospels and Acts to be printed in their regular order and the others as an appendage."

A Winnebago language system of writing was developed by John Stacy, Jorahunka, a converted Winnebago Indian (1867-1956); and Rev. Jacob Stucki, Missionary to the Wisconsin Winnebago Indians for 46 years (1857-1930) at the Indian Mission near Black River Falls, Wisconsin. At age 13, Jacob Stucki orphaned and alone was helped to immigrate to America from Switzerland. He studied for the ministry and became an assistant to Jacob Hauser, missionary at the Indian Mission near Black River Falls, Wisconsin. His son Benjamin Stucki established a boarding school at Neillsville, Wisconsin, for the Indians and became its superintendent.

John Stacy and Rev. Jacob Stucki authored the Winnebago Scriptures which consists of MATTHEW, MARK, LUKE, JOHN, ACTS, GENESIS, and EXODUS, chapters 19 and 20, of the Holy Bible.

Source Documents

In years past copies of this



John Stacy

book were given to the writer and compiler of this book by Winnebago elder relatives: (1) John Thunder, dated March 30, 1934, to Emma Thunder Littlesoldier and (2) Kate Thunder Miner. The original book consisted of 483 pages. A foundation work copy was extracted from the two Winnebago Scriptures texts.

The writer and compiler's objective was to accurately discern the meaning of the Bible and express the formal (exact) equivalence of that meaning in the Winnebago language. The translation was to be consistent with the Ho-Chunk vocabulary and grammar without deviating from the King James Version insofar as the widely diverse languages would allow. The text follows the King James Version by chapters, paragraphs and verses.

Copyright of the Winnebago Scriptures in 1907

In a December 1, 2004, letter concerning the copyright that might attach to the Winnebago Scriptures published by the American Bible Society in 1907, the Nida Institute for Biblical Scholarship, ABS, advised "that the translation is in public domain and that you are free to repurpose it along the lines you describe in your letter."

Revised Winnebago Scriptures

The Winnebago and Ho-Chunk names of the tribe will be interchangeable in this document. A "Historical

Sketch" of the tribe is included in the Dedication section of the volumes.

The title "The Revised Winnebago Scriptures (RWS)" retains in part the name Winnebago Scriptures (WS). The Revised Winnebago Scriptures translates from the Winnebago language back into English the King James Version.

The Revised Ho-Chunk Scriptures seeks to faithfully preserve the accuracy of the English King James Version by interpreting it according to the language of the Winnebago Scriptures of 1907. Wherever possible an attempt was made to observe a literal translation. However, because of the vast difference between the English and Ho-Chunk languages, a corresponding word-for-word interpretation would be both impossible and unintelligible in many places. Consequently, the preferred principle of formal (exact) equivalence had to give way to the principle of dynamic equivalence in order to make the text intelligible. Given the inevitability of deviation that will exist in any translation, it is wise to appeal to the original languages for the most precise interpretation.

Notwithstanding this consideration, the goal of the RWS was to accurately translate and interpret the books of the Holy Bible in the Winnebago Scriptures, ever mindful of Jesus' emphatic word of testimony regarding the authority and finality of



The Gospel of JOHN illustrates the RWS format.

are written in this book" (Revelation 22:18, 19 [KJV]).

The primary reference of Revelation 22:18, 19 is to this prophetic book. The Revelation events are after the rest of the New Testament and require it to be the last book in the New Testament. This strong warning at the end of Revelation applies in a secondary way to the whole of Revelation, which includes the RWS and the Marka audio sound recording.

The Bible is the Word of God. In the Holy Bible, we have all the words GOD wants us to know about Jesus Christ's life, death, and resurrection and its meaning for the lives of believers.

OBJECTIVE

The objective of The Revised Winnebago Scriptures is to encourage individuals to read Scripture in their own language in search of the truth.

"For the word of God is quick and powerful and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart" Hebrews 4:12 [KJV]).

The ultimate goal of this endeavor is for every reader to understand and believe the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ and place their faith in His atoning work as their only hope of salvation and worship Him as Lord forever. To this end we pray. To GOD be the glory.

The key to TRIBAL survival in the present and future society is the perpetuation of the language, kinship system and faith. For

our future, it is incumbent upon us to maintain this identity for our children.

Three Column Text Format

(1) The first column is the King James Version. (2) The second column is the 1907 Winnebago Scriptures. (3) The two languages are merged in the final column forming a three-column arrangement.

The third column merges the 1907 Winnebago Scriptures words and phrases followed by the bracketed English King James Version translation.

Recognition of Ho-Chunk Faith Base

In 1954, the existing Winnebago Business Committee consisted of a five-member tribal claims committee. At a September 9, 1961, Wisconsin Winnebago Tribal Meeting, the Winnebago Business Tribal Claims Committee was enlarged for the purpose of expanding its function to include an interim communicating body for organization plans. The Business Committee members in office were to be retained for cohesion of ongoing tribal efforts. The addition promoted equal representation and unity in the Tribe. This consisted of a 15-member body with five representatives each from the Traditional, Christian, and the Native American Church. This merged the existing Claims objective with Federal organization efforts for the Tribe becoming the Provisional Wisconsin Winnebago Business Committee.

Continuing to recognize this



Pages from original Winnebago Scriptures, 1907.



Rev. Jacob Stucki

GOD'S completed revelation for the body of Christ contained in the canon of the New Testament.

"For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, if any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book. And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life and out of the holy city, and from the things which

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Gene J. Cloud Jr.

after the fact that JCSD had discovered Gene ran away to avoid getting arrested. Zane was told they were calling off the search because "We don't think he is a missing person. He's just hiding from the police because of his warrant situation." Simone was then instructed to let the JCSD know if she heard anything. Zane went away discouraged. Family and friends of the young couple learned of Gene eluding the Sheriff's and that he had not been caught or shown up by any of his family or friends, so out of concern a search effort was conducted by tribal members.

A close friend of Zane's children had been very helpful and resourceful to the search effort. Ho-Chunk Nation's Chief of Police, Dan Libke, had been assisting with the search effort, and then Jackson County Sheriff's Department brought out dogs that are trained to search and track. On two occasions, the dogs were used to track and search for Cloud.

Cloud's foot trail was followed by members of the first search party. Tracks show Gene's trek through up to three and a half feet of

snow in some areas and it was shown where he stopped to rest. Simone stated that as Gene's sister and uncle were on his trail they had noticed at some parts of the trail they had stepped in to swampy ice covered areas. But the trail Gene left, shows he traveled over 3.4 miles from where the car had originally went in the ditch, eastbound through the woods parallel to the road, and that he crossed the road back and forth into the woods a few times. At some point, search efforts by Law Enforcement were called off again. Zane was told that some of the trails and tracks that the dogs were on were now losing scent and trail because of the tribal members search. There is no evidence that shows that Gene got into a car, but during the search the dogs ended the trail on the road.

Libke verified that the dog search efforts had to lead to a dead end. Two different dogs were used; both had lost trail and scent on or by Smrekar Road. Jackson County did put out two Press Releases; the first one was 12 days after Simone reported Gene missing on February 8, 2012.

The second Press release was February 15, 2012; nineteen days after Cloud was reported missing. Zane inquired and requested assistance from the Nation; she was told that the assistance eligible for tribal members was only available for funerals.

Zane also wanted to address some rumors, some have said, "He has his money, he's just hiding out?" Simone said, "Gene is expecting a child with his girlfriend and he told me he wanted to change his life. So Gene moved to Tomah with his girlfriend and was going back to school to receive his High School Diploma so he could obtain his per-cap and be set by the time the baby was born." Another rumor was saying, "His family is just hiding him." False. "His sisters and brother and I have not heard from him. This is not like Gene to not talk, text, or come by any of us." Check his Facebook. Gene's phone was in the car, and from what any of us can see on our end, he has not posted, replied, or logged in. Simone wishes to Thank everyone for helping search for Gene and posting his Missing Posters.

In closing I asked Simone about what she truly feels about her son missing and what she thinks. Zane said,

"I don't feel like he's gone. I don't feel like his spirit has gone on. I don't. I know he's out there, I just don't know where. I don't know if he is hurting. I just know he is still here. What's killing me the most is the silence, not knowing, not hearing anything!"

"I just want someone to come forward that actually knows where he is. 'Son, I just wish you would come home, I love you, and everybody misses you. Your baby is coming. Just man up and face everything, get it over with and we will all move on and continue our life.'" Simone ended with saying, "He's a very good person. He deserves to have a family, to start his life."

Update
As flyers have been posted from Black River Falls to the Wood County Wisconsin Rapids area, Simone received a call from the brother of a missing person. In this call the man shared similarities to the case of Gene J. Cloud Jr.; his brother has been missing since January 14, 2012, was under the influence, and may have gotten a ride but nobody has seen or heard from him since.

Jackson County Sheriff's Department has searched the rural area, Chief Deputy Mark

Moen stated that a search of the surrounding area by a Sheriff's Deputy familiar with the area, who even knew of cabins or properties off of the Plat maps have been searched for signs of break ins or tracks. No signs or clues have been found. It has been four weeks now since Gene Jacob Cloud Jr. has been missing.

There have been reported sightings of persons matching Gene's description made to the Jackson and Monroe County Sheriff's Department. As of February 20, 2012, the last reported sighting was disbursed and four JCSD squads were dispatched to the scene. No one matching Gene's description was found.

Gene Jacob Cloud Jr. has been added to the Missing Persons list in the State of Wisconsin. Download the flyer at: www.missingpersons.doj.wi.gov/missingkids/Cloud%20jr%20Gene.pdf

www.wimissingpersons.doj.wi.gov

If anyone has information we urge you to contact the following:

Jackson County Sheriff's Department 715.284.5357
Simone Zane 608.448.8212
Rochelle Mann 608.448.1760
1-800-843-4673 (THE-HOPE)

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Spiritual life document

Ho-Chunk faith base, on May 21, 2010, the presentation was made at the Language Department before members of the traditional, the Indian Baptist Church, the Native American Church, and the Winnebago United Church of Christ. The four-member inclusion followed that of the 1961 organization effort to recognize the existing tribal faith entities. The two-volume RWS was presented for each member group; and a copy to George Stacy, grandson of John Stacy.

THE REVISED WINNEBAGO SCRIPTURE COPYRIGHT

The presentation and offer of The Revised Winnebago Scriptures and Sound Recording entitled, Gospel of Markga was made to the Ho-Chunk Nation. The intent was to transfer the copyright ownership of the textual work and audio recording from Helen Miner Miller to

a continuing organizational entity to make it available to tribal members in the future. The copyright is a form of protection granted to creators of "original works of Authorship" by the federal government. In the U.S., questions regarding registration of copyrights are decided by the U.S. Copyright Office; and questions of copyright infringement are decided by the federal courts. No part of the publication may be reproduced, except for brief quotations in printed reviews, without the prior permission of the copyright owner. Copyright protection is designed to prevent others from copying an author's work of expression and/or its music.

Offer of Copyright to Ho-Chunk Nation
To this end, on May 21, 2010, a contract Copyright Assignment and a Letter of Explanation were sent offering the copyrights to the Ho-Chunk Nation. The Language Department transmitted the documents to the Tribal President's Office

for a decision of acceptance or rejection.

A Transfer of Ownership

As of January 1, 2011, the President's Office had not acknowledged the offer of the copyright. It had been assumed the Tribe refused the offer of the copyright of the works. Therefore, an Assignment of Copyright and Restrictions on Use of the Revised Winnebago Scriptures and Gospel of Markga, has been entered into with the Audio Scripture Ministries (Assignee) by Helen Miner Miller. The ASM is a small Christian organization located in Holland, Michigan. Information of the ASM is available on their website. The assignment has been signed by the Executive Director, Tom Dudenhofer. Tribal contact and cooperation will be necessary with the ASM to enable the RWS to be made available to the Ho-Chunk tribe as is determined by the ASM copyright holder and tribal intermediaries.

Purpose of The Revised Winnebago

Scriptures

As other individuals in history had translated the Holy Bible, John Stacy and Jacob Stucki committed themselves to accurately translate the Gospels, two books, and two chapters of another book in the Scriptures for the Winnebago who had no Bible in their language. As others in centuries past, they had an unswerving belief that the Bible is the Word of GOD. It is the prayerful purpose that The Revised Winnebago Scriptures be used for (1) teaching of the Winnebago/Ho-Chunk language and for (2) reproof, correction, instruction in righteousness; that we may be adequate, equipped for every good work. (2 Timothy 3:16-17 [NASB])

Audio Sound Recordings

The Markga audio sound recording has been given, assigned and transferred to Helen Miner Miller as a donation of the rights, title and interest to the recorded parts made and any documentation accompanying the recordings

by George Stacy for use in any lawful way including the determination of copyright.

Exceptions for the Use of The Revised Winnebago Scriptures and Audio Sound Recordings

In transferring the Revised Winnebago Scriptures and Markga audio sound recordings to the Audio Scriptures Ministries, the RWS and audio sound recordings are not to be used for any financial gain by any individual or entity. The RWS and audio sound recordings are not to be sold for personal gain. Restrictions are to be imposed to prevent misuse of the Revised Winnebago Scriptures and Markga audio sound recordings. The notice page will be updated to indicate that the ASM is the copyright owner.

May GOD grant us HIS wisdom and direction to maintain our unique language, the behavior and identifying of kinship, and the strength of faith for each Ho-Chunk to pursue the ultimate reality of eternal life through faith in the Triune GOD.

SUMMONS
(Second Publication)
IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT
State of WI. & Rachael Davis, Petitioner, v. Conrad Roberts, Respondent.
Case : CS 12-05
TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: Conrad Roberts
You are hereby informed that you have been named a respondent in the above-entitled civil lawsuit. This legal notice of the *Petition to Register & Enforce a Foreign Judgment or Order* is now served upon you by publication. Your written *Answer to the Petition* must be filed with the Court on or before the twentieth day from the date of the second published issuance of this *Summons*. You may request a hearing within your written response. See RECOGNITION OF FOREIGN CHILD SUPPORT ORDERS ORDINANCE, 4 HCC § 2.5. Also, you must send or present a copy of your *Answer* to the opposing party listed above or to their attorney of record. Failure to file a timely *Answer* in the time allowed can affect your right to object to the enforcement of the foreign judgment or order. *Id.*, § 2.6c.
The Trial Court is physically located at Wa Ehi Hocira, W9598 Highway 54 East, Black River Falls, (Jackson County) Wisconsin. The Trial Court's mailing address is P. O. Box 70, Black River Falls, WI 54615. The telephone number is (715) 284-2722, or toll free 800-434-4070, and the facsimile number is (715) 284-3136.

SUMMONS
(Second Publication)
IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT
Katavia L. Flynn, Petitioner, v. Michael J. Devan, Respondent.
Case : CS 11-72
TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: Michael J. Devan
You are hereby informed that you have been named a respondent in the above-entitled civil lawsuit. This legal notice of the *Petition to Register & Enforce a Foreign Judgment or Order* is now served upon you by publication. Your written *Answer to the Petition* must be filed with the Court on or before the twentieth day from the date of the second published issuance of this *Summons*. You may request a hearing within your written response. See RECOGNITION OF FOREIGN CHILD SUPPORT ORDERS ORDINANCE, 4 HCC § 2.5. Also, you must send or present a copy of your *Answer* to the opposing party listed above or to their attorney of record. Failure to file a timely *Answer* in the time allowed can affect your right to object to the enforcement of the foreign judgment or order. *Id.*, § 2.6c.
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SUMMONS
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IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT
Tamara Kumm, Petitioner, v. Pierre J. Decorah, Respondent.
Case : CG 12-01
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Wittenberg Senior goes to State

Submitted by
Joseph Pecore – HCN
Youth Coordinator

Wrestling since the third grade, now a senior at the Wittenberg-Birnbaumwood high school, George White Wing, son of John White Wing, has had a very successful wrestling career, and now he gets to top it all off by accomplishing his lifelong goal of competing at "State".

When asked what drives him, he simply stated, "To go to State", and this goal has driven him to work very hard in practice so that he can perform on the mat. "I've been working all my life for state and I want to make it at least once," said White Wing. On February 23, George will be competing at the Wisconsin State Wrestling Tournament held in Madison at the Kohl Center.

Standing 6 feet 4 inches tall and weighing in at 276 pounds, White Wing wrestles in the heavyweight division which ranges from 221 pounds to 285 pounds. As a freshman in High School, George began his varsity wrestling career with four matches that year; finishing with a record of 2-2. Not bad for a 240 pound freshman who was up against the big boys right off the bat. As George grew so did his success, and as a sophomore, he had a great season with a record of 27-12. As a junior, George continued to improve and his season record climbed to 39-6 and he was very close to advancing to state in 2011. Now as a senior George has a record of 40-7 with 33 pins.

The 2012 wrestling season has been a very successful year for both George and the Wittenberg-Birnbaumwood Chargers. The Chargers were crowned the Central Wisconsin Conference champions for 2012. As a

team, the Chargers won at the regional tournament and advanced to the sectional finals but they fell to the number one ranked team in the state on the division 2 level, Luxemburg-Casco. Wittenberg-Birnbaumwood's wrestling coach, Troy Ostrowski, stated that going into the regional tournament was a tough draw for them, when considering two of the four teams at that regional were ranked one and two in the state.

Although the team fell just short of their goal of advancing to the state tourney, White Wing is one of three charger wrestlers now heading to the State Tournament on the individual level. This is a sign of things to come for the wrestling program in Wittenberg, but for George, this has been a great senior year where he is about to be at the pinnacle of Wisconsin high school wrestling; no doubt that he has helped in the overall success of the team.

To get to the state finals, George took first at the regional level claiming a regional championship title, and at the sectional meet he took second place losing in the championship round in a very close match that could have went either way. George lost 8-6 to the number one ranked heavyweight in the state. George has had to wrestle two matches at regionals and three matches at sectionals in order to advance to state.

According to Wittenberg-Birnbaumwood's Coach Ostrowski, "George is a leader on the team and he is a captain. He keeps them in line." Them, being the other wrestlers on the team, and the coach also said it is because of his size and because he's a senior. "The other wrestlers respect him,"



George White Wing gets a pin in the 3rd round after a tough battle to the end. (Photo courtesy provided by Wausau Daily Herald)

said Coach Ostrowski. On the other hand, George is known to joke around a little bit. When Ostrowski mentioned George's likeliness to joke around I immediately said "clown around" and the coach smiled with agreement. That is just another aspect of this very likable young man who has had a goal that has driven him to be successful in what he does.

I asked George what his most memorable match was to this point and he said it was, "The double leg take down against the Nekoosa-

Port Edwards kid", in which he pinned his opponent immediately after slamming him to the ground. Ostrowski also noted that George made the front page of the Wausau Daily Herald's sports page because, "you don't see a heavyweight pick up another heavyweight off the ground and slam him like that." The double leg was no doubt an impressive feat, and so was George's nine second pin against an Elcho kid.

Also on the track and field team in the spring, football in the fall (where he played both right guard on offense and tackle on defense), White Wing stays active throughout the school year. Wrestling is defiantly George's favorite sport and clearly one he excels in. When asked why he likes wrestling so much he said, "Because it's all on my shoulders" when he is on the mat, and "when I win I did it". "If you are looking for a tough sport try wrestling," he said.

George also added that his success is helped by his teammates, good competition in the wrestling room, and his friend Levi. On the shoulders of George White Wing's high school wrestling career is a record of 108-27; as a senior, a CWC Conference championship, a regional championship, and a trip to Madison to fulfill one of his dreams. Currently, George is ranked #7 in the state, but I believe that he will soon be moving up in ranking.

Advice for younger Ho-

Chunk athletes and kids in general, White Wing stated when it comes to sports, "Don't ever give up, finish out the season, and if it ain't for you then don't go out the next year". As a young man, George also had some very good advice we can all use and said, "Accept defeat, if you can't handle losing you will not be able to learn from your mistakes."

When asked who he looks up to he gave three names. The first name was his wrestling coach, Coach Ostrowski. He also looks up to a fellow, 285 pounder named Brock Lesser, and also George St Pierre; both of the UFC. When asked if he would like to someday try Mixed Martial Arts he got excited and said yeah.

After high school George plans on attending UTI auto mechanics Diesel school and then onto Hobart Welding Academy. After getting to know George just a little in the short time I have been around him I have no doubt that he will achieve his future goals of becoming a diesel mechanic and a certified welder. I asked George if he wanted to add anything about how it feels to make it to state, he said, "I would rather beat the number one ranked heavyweight at the state tourney more than any other tournament." I believe that this is an example of a young man who is driven and who has a goal. Good luck George!



The wrestling photos are of George White Wing (in the green) and he is wrestling Brandon Elrick of Little Chute at the WIAA State Sectionals held at Freedom High School on Feb 14. George won that match 4-1 in overtime.

(Photo courtesy provided by Travis Cottrell - Kalliwaks Photographer/Reporter)

MARCH MADNESS 2012

WISCONSIN'S
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**\$30,000 Total
Prize Money**

Men's
1st- \$10,000
2nd- \$6,000
3rd- \$3,000
4th- \$1,500

Women's
1st- \$5,000
2nd- \$3,000
3rd- 1,500

16 Men's Teams
8 Women's Teams
Double Elimination

All Tournament Players
18 & older, out of High School
& proof of tribal enrollment

**MARCH
2, 3 & 4**

Registration
Friday the 2nd

Entry Fees
Men's \$400

Women's \$300
Payment in Full
Check or Money Order
Entry fee deadline
February 25, 2012

Friday Special Events
Nelson Funmaker 3-pt Shootout
\$250 - \$150 - \$50
Kunu Yazzie Slam Dunk Contest
\$250 - \$150 - \$50
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Registration @ 11am - Limited to 80

Admission
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LeRoy Butler Foundation gets boost from New Year's Eve Bash

Submitted by Nehomah Thundercloud, Public Relations Senior Manager

(Baraboo, WI – February 6, 2012) – The New Year's Eve Celebrations at Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells gave a strong boost to the LeRoy Butler Foundation in their efforts to help Breast Cancer Survivors.

On Sunday, February 5, at Ho-Chunk's Wo Zha Wa Sports Bar a check for \$21,052 was presented to LeRoy Butler and Kim Lindau, the LeRoy Butler Foundation Public Relations Manager. Lindau said, "The LeRoy Butler Foundation

is proud to have a strong partnership with Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells. This team works together to help Breast Cancer Survivors who are suffering economic hardships as a result of their illness."

Every year, guests purchase a wristband to gain entry into the New Year's Eve Upper and Lower Dells Ballroom parties. The past two years Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells has selected the LeRoy Butler Foundation as the recipient of these funds.

"Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells is very excited to work with the

LeRoy Butler Foundation." Public Relations Sr. Manager, Nehomah Thundercloud, said, "Not only are we getting the word out about the Foundation's mission to potential donors and Breast Cancer Survivors, we are also helping Packer fans meet the Inventor of the Lambeau Leap! The dedication LeRoy Butler has for his foundation equals the dedication he has for his fans."

More information about grants and giving can be found on the official LeRoy Butler Foundation website, www.LBF36.org.



(L-R): Kim Lindau, LeRoy Butler, Nehomah Thundercloud, Gary Ellerson former Packer #42.

Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells supports the dress exchange

Submitted by Nehomah Thundercloud, Public Relations Senior Manager

The New Year's Eve Celebration at Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells is over but the beautiful dresses worn have been given a new life. The Wisconsin Dells High School's (WDHS) Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) student organization received a special gift that can help make a special evening for high school students. FCCLA advisors, Mrs. Hamburg and Mrs. Michalsky, work with local seamstresses and drycleaners to do the alterations, tailoring, and cleaning necessary for

special occasions such as Homecoming, the Winter Ball, and Prom.

The FCCLA Dress Exchange started 9 years ago when former students donated their formal dresses to the student group. School maintenance, Jeff Sanford, installed a secure wardrobe in the storeroom. Girls fill out a form saying which dress they want for the dance. The girls agree to have it dry cleaned and bring it back after the dance the next week. FCCLA offers this community service to their peers so that those who do not want to spend hundreds of dollars can utilize the Dress Exchange.

The mission of FCCLA is to promote personal growth

and leadership development through Family and Consumer Sciences Education. They focus on the multiple roles of family member, wage earner, and community leader to develop important life skills through character development, creative and critical thinking, interpersonal communication, practical knowledge, and career preparation.

The Dress Exchange selection has grown over the years and new donations are always welcome. Donations can be dropped off at the high school office. More information about Family, Career and Community Leaders of America see their website, www.wifccla.org.



(L to R): From WDHS FCCLA Allison Jacobs, Jacqui Hilliard, Nicole Stump and from Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells Patti Herrera and Nehomah Thundercloud.

CWCA receives two needed donations

Submitted by Nehomah Thundercloud, Public Relations Senior Manager

The Central Wisconsin Community Action (CWCA) Council received a donation to fill the shelves and another to warm the home.

Employees at Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells held a food drive during the winter months, 290lbs of food was collected. Kim McClendon said, "Ho-Chunk is so wonderful. We are so grateful for the generosity they have shown. We are always in need of food to help families in the community. Please, keep doing your drives!"

The Standrock Buffet at Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells held a promotion that gave a portion of lunch sales to the Energy Assistance Program at CWCA Council. WHEAP Energy Assistance's Ed Czerkas Sr. accepted the check for \$3,198.18. "This comes at a time when the Energy Assistance Program



(L to R): Patti Herrera and Nehomah Thundercloud from Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells along with Ed Czerkas Sr. from WHEAP Energy Assistance's.

has a high need but no money to assist families. We will be very diligent and make sure we can help as many families as possible. Thank you Ho-Chunk!"

CWCA Council serves the five counties of Adams,

Columbia, Dodge, Juneau, and Sauk. Because CWCA is mainly funded by government grants, this past year has been difficult. The budget cuts have been across the board so any donation given is deeply appreciated.



(L to R): Nehomah Thundercloud, Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells Public Relations Sr. Manager, with Kim McClelland and Dennis Friend from CWCA.

Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells will continue to help the neighboring communities through care drives, food drives, and getting the word out on how to help local agencies like Central Wisconsin

Community Action.

To find more information about CWCA and how you can help see their website, www.cwca.org.

Minutes in Motion Coulee Region Activity Challenge

Kathleen Clemons,
Exercise Physiologist

On March 26, the Minutes in Motion Fitness Challenge sponsored by Gunderson Lutheran will start. Last year we had 52 people participate, logged 60,450 minutes and came in third place. I believe we can do better than this! Unfortunately, Gunderson Lutheran has taken away the 1st, 2nd, 3rd placing of companies but that is ok. The goal this year will be to beat our minutes from last year. Plus, we will be doing our own competition within the Ho-Chunk Nation so not only can you potentially win the Gunderson Lutheran prizes, you could win some others. Let's get as many people from the Ho-Chunk Nation involved as possible. Anyone from any area can participate.

The challenge works by you registering on their site (IT IS FREE!) and logging your activity for 6 weeks. The activity goal is 210 minutes a week (30 minutes a day) and then reporting your minutes on their site at 3 and 6 weeks or you can do it daily. They also have logs that you can print out to track your progress. Here is how you sign up:

1. Log onto www.gundluth.org/mim.
2. The "click to register" icon is in a green box labeled important dates, click on that.
3. Fill in your personal information
4. The team name is Ho-Chunk Nation – fill that in
5. Click on Company Team
6. For employer, start typing in Ho-Chunk Nation and a drop down box will appear – select Ho-Chunk Nation

7. Finish filling in your information including your email address and age

8. Click submit and then you will get two numbers; one is your personal ID number which you will use to submit your minutes and then a team number which is 13381 for the Ho-Chunk Nation. IF YOU GET ANY TEAM NUMBER OTHER THAN THE 13381, PLEASE CONTACT ME SO THIS CAN BE FIXED. We have had some issues with many HCN teams being created and we are just trying to keep it to one.

9. You can log onto the team summary to see our progress along the way and motivate your friends to move more and sit less!

As I mentioned, we are doing our own fitness challenge within our big team. The top five minute earners

for males and the top five minute earners for females (excluding the Exercise Physiologists) will earn a \$30.00 Nike gift card to be used at any Nike store. In addition, there will be five other random drawings for \$30.00 Nike gift cards – the top 10 minute earners will not be eligible for the random drawing. YOU MUST BE ON TEAM 13381 TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THIS FRIENDLY COMPETITION INCENTIVE AND DRAWING. In addition, you must contribute minutes to be eligible for the random drawing. Last year a few signed up but did not post any minutes.

Gundersen Lutheran sends out reminders to you to enter your midterm and final minutes as well as wellness tips. At the end of the challenge, they have a celebration party at Myrick Hixton Eco Park on May 16. They do have prizes including a \$500.00 grand prize and other gift cards. This is a great challenge for youth groups, individuals or departments throughout the Ho-Chunk Nation. At the end of the challenge, we will be able to find out how many people from the Ho-Chunk Nation participated and how many minutes of exercise were accumulated over the 6 weeks. Let's all do our part to log minutes for the Ho-Chunk Nation!



CHILDRENS TRUST FUND (CTF) TASK FORCE UPDATE

The importance of filing taxes has always been driven home as each new tax season approaches. This is not new to us! As adults and parents, we know our responsibility. As citizens, that part of our duty is to pay 'Uncle Sam' his share...and if we don't...well, let's just say Uncle Sam has a way of finding out. Not filing taxes each year can cause a lot of problems, more so if you don't file when you owe.

The primary function of a tax return is to calculate the tax liability of an individual or business to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). If the IRS determines that it has withheld excess taxes from that individual or business in the previous tax year, the IRS will provide a refund of excessive taxes.

Various types of tax returns exist depending on who is filing as well as his income source. For example, individuals file their taxes using Form 1040, but anyone receiving investment income will have to file a Schedule D and Form 8615.

Children's Trust Fund monies are considered investment income and taxes MUST be filed each year. The "Kiddie Tax" generally applies to young adults and children under the age of 19, as well as young adults under the age of 24 (if they are full time students). The rule states, that unearned income of these children and young adults is taxed at the higher of the child's or the parent(s)' tax rate. Children's

Trust Fund distributions and Per Capita payments are considered "unearned income" for federal tax purposes.

So what does this mean to you?

The Kiddie Tax rules will adversely affect you if your parent(s) or guardians are taxed at a higher rate than you, requiring you to owe more tax than you would otherwise. You will need parent(s) or guardians tax information prior to calculating children's tax. Furthermore, if you're a full time student, you could be subject to the higher tax rate on your unearned income until the age of 24 (subject to certain exceptions). Ouch!

Why does the U.S. Government impose this tax?

A number of years ago, federal tax authorities determined that some wealthy families, through elaborate schemes, were avoiding taxes on investments by transferring investment income to their children. The Kiddie Tax was designed to prevent parents, who may be taxed at higher rates, from transferring the entire tax burden on their investment income to their children, who may be taxed at lower rates. Tax statutes are a one-size-fits-all proposition. Everyone has to comply, whether or not the rule seems fair. In the long run, however, Ho-Chunk minors are greatly benefited by the investments of their Trust. The long-term benefits far outweigh the taxation responsibility.

Penalties for Tax Fraud... If you don't pay what you owe because

of carelessness or negligence, you will have to pay interest and possibly penalties. However, the consequences of fraud are the greatest. Tax fraud occurs when people intentionally and knowingly conceal income or otherwise falsify their return in order to avoid paying taxes.

The financial penalties for fraud are extremely severe. If the IRS proves that any part of any underpayment of a tax is due to fraud, it adds an additional penalty in the amount of 75 percent of the portion of the underpayment that is due to fraud. This penalty can apply only to tax returns that are actually filed. However, fraudulent failure to file a return is also subject to a 75 percent penalty.

In addition to the civil penalties, it is a crime to commit fraud against the IRS. A willful evasion of or failure to pay taxes is a felony with a penalty of up to five years' imprisonment or a fine of \$100,000 or both.

What tax help is there for you?

Fifth Third Bank has a process in place to help your tax preparer. If you filled out a Tax Preparer Information Form last year and are using the same tax preparer, you do not need to anything. Please check the bottom of your statement to see which tax preparer they have on file for you. Unless you indicate otherwise, this is the same preparer to whom they will send this year's information.

If you didn't fill one out last year, or if you changed preparers, please fill out and fax or mail Fifth Third Bank the Tax Preparer

Information Form. Be certain to include either the tax ID or tribal ID for the person who is part of the Minors Trust. If you are over the age of 18, please sign, date and fax or mail to them. If you act as guardian for a minor, then please sign it on their behalf.

The Tax Preparer Information Form will be available on the Ho-Chunk Nation's website or you can contact Fifth Third Bank directly.

Beginning in 2009, the IRS expanded requirements for investment reporting. This has resulted in required information coming to Fifth Third at a much later date than before. By law the IRS must release information to the public for filing by March 15. It used to be that they would expect this type of reporting to be finalized by the end of January, but the IRS made these changes to reflect income distributions made within certain investments. These rules complicate everyone's schedule, because 2011 tax returns need to be filed by Tuesday, April 17, 2012.

Bottom Line: You could owe a substantial amount of tax on your Minors' Trust Payment, so be prepared and file both you and your children's taxes by April 17, 2012.

PHONE 312-704-5518 FAX (616) 653-5239

Or mail it to: Fifth Third Bank/ Attn: Curt Ballast MD # RMOB-GK/

111 Lyon Street, NW/Grand Rapids MI 49503

Our trip with the Seminoles

Greetings Ho-Chunk People,

Some of the Legislators and Legislative Aides traveled to Florida to attend a very informative seminar and important meetings, January 24-26, 2012. We just wanted to share our informative and enlightening experience with you. The following attended the trip: Greg Littlejohn, Patrick RedEagle, Forrest Whiterabbit, Doug Greengrass, Jim Greendeer, Shelby Visintin, Heather Cloud, Lorinda Bird, and Joshua Smith.

The seminar was titled The 2012 Winter Symposium and was sponsored by the Seminole Tribe of Florida Native Learning Center. The focus areas for this conference were Celebrating Culture and Language, Grants Education, and Housing Strategies. Below is a compiled report from all Legislators and Legislative Aides in attendance. We have listed brief descriptions of the sessions we attended, the meetings with the Seminole Tribe of Florida Tribal Leaders, our meeting with Dr. Mitchell Ghen, and presence at the National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC) meeting.

Corporations Law for Tribal Housing Entities

This workshop discussed corporations' law in terms of tribal housing and included topics such as federal, state, and tribal laws and jurisdiction (i.e. PL 280), best practices (i.e. codifying, policies & procedures, etc.), leases, evictions, and contracts. The explanation of how the three jurisdictions, federal, state, and tribal, each play an important role in tribal housing, and the importance of having solid codes, leases, contracts, and policies/procedures in place was very beneficial.

Supportive Housing

This topic addressed how supportive housing can be beneficial in preventing and ending homelessness and overcrowding by promoting stability and sustainability among a community. It can be very cost-effective for the service provider and affordable for the client. Highlighted were the benefits of implementing such a program. Information was given on models, strategies, and examples of supportive housing. Funding strategies, the development process, and how to go about obtaining NAHASDA funding was also

discussed.

Housing Strategies: I. & II. Procurement for Tribal Housing Organizations

This discussion was in regard to federal procurement regulations and requirements for tribal housing, and touched on how proper procurement can benefit the tribe. It also discussed how to go about the bidding process while remaining competitive and equitable among the bidders, Native or non-Native. Primary procurement regulations were also presented such as NAHASDA and other federal guidelines. The importance of background checks, and how to go about looking up not only individuals but also companies/contractors that have been "blacklisted" was interesting. It is not uncommon for a contractor to change the name of the company or put the company under someone else's name once blacklisted.

The course also cited the federal regulations that are used in conjunction with the Indian Housing Block Grant. Highlights included a review of how tribal designated housing entities function (as in the Ho-Chunk Nation structure) and how Native American preference operates in regard to the contracting process. Native American ownership of companies was discussed; Native American partners should bring assets or unique expertise to the business arrangements.

III. Sustainable Buildings: New Technologies for Approaching Net-Zero

The highlight was a thermal mass mat product that can be used in new and retrofit construction. This technique reduces the energy consumption and absorbing heat during the day and releasing it at night. This may be used in kitchens and casino ceilings to increase occupant comfort. This may be useful in planning the construction of the HCN Law Enforcement Center.

IV. Drug Endangered Children: Identification and Reporting for Tribal Housing Officials

The focus was the identification of substance abusers in the community and how it affects children. Highlights of the presentation included how community and housing officials can address this problem. Overall, wellness is the key. It is important to report incidents

to officials (such as the Ho-Chunk Nation police force) and keep track of your prescriptions drug pills so that these are not used for substance abuse. Excellent course materials were provided and these were given to Caralee Murphy of the HCN PD.

Grants Education – Grant Writing for Tribal and Urban Organizations

The six-hour course covered how the grant writing process is accomplished from obtaining the grant announcement letter, using successful writing techniques, to the reporting of outcomes to the funding sources. A participant's manual was distributed for reference. The highlights suggested increase oversight of the grant process in the form of creating a Grants Compliance Officer, having a "briefing day" for new grants prior to Legislative Resolutions, and setting aside the required funding when the grant is achieved.

Culture and Language – Tribal Belief System

The highlights included how the instructor's education led him to be an observer of behavior in his tribe and the outside world. He was shaped by his traditions and language and he commented on how these compare with others. He expounded that a tribe's language, traditions, history, and beliefs are "intellectual property" of the tribe, and should not be used by others for profit.

Seminole Tribe of Florida (STOF)/Separation of Business and Government

We were able to meet with The Seminole Tribe of Florida (STOF) in regard to the separation of business from government in which the Ho-Chunk Legislature is now researching in the hopes that this type of endeavor, if implemented, would potentially bring even more prosperity to our great nation. The meeting with Mr. Joel Frank, Government Relations for the STOF, discussed the separation of government from business structure the STOF has in place. Florida received federal recognition in 1957 and at that time also developed the structure of their government, which incorporated the separation of their businesses from their government. They have been successful and are thriving. We gained a clearer perspective of what it would take and how we could go about implementing such a change with our own government, making this a very tangible reality.

We had a meeting with Mr. Tony Sanchez, the President of STOF, Inc., and discussed the business aspect of things such as making sure to make good solid investments and examples of what STOF, Inc. considers and implements when doing business such as remaining in control of business operations with other investors, yearly audits,



The Seminole Head Start children giving Ho-Chunk representatives a presentation at one of the lunches during a seminar. Rep Jim Greendeer is seated to the lower right.

resolving any outstanding issues, highly qualified and competitive employees, and choosing to invest in something that is "on its way up" rather than "on its way out".

Mr. Sanchez graciously shared the history of the STOF, Inc. operations from inception and how it has evolved into its current holdings. STOF, Inc. has business holdings in both the US and has recently expanded internationally. The Hard Rock Café franchise is one of these holdings, which they purchased almost 4 years ago. Currently, they are in the process of expanding internationally and are now in the process of opening 10 other Hard Rock Cafes outside the US. This is only one of their business holdings, which by itself is impressive. We discussed how they could assist the Ho-Chunk Nation at several of our gaming enterprises. Specifically, we discussed a Hard Rock Café and/or Hotel at De Jope, Rainbow Casino and possibly at Ho-Chunk Casino.

Mr. Sanchez was very interested in the Ho-Chunk Nation's future expansions and was very excited that the STOF, Inc., could partner with another Nation on just such an endeavor. He gave us the name of Mr. Hamish Dodds, CEO of Hard Rock International out of their Orlando, FL office. We hope that the Ho-Chunk Nation's Department of Business could commence negotiations with the Hard Rock International in the near future. Mr. Sanchez stated that he would forward our intentions to Mr. Dodds. All in all, Mr. Sanchez and the Seminole Tribe of Florida are very excited to potentially partner with another Tribal Nation on a mutually beneficial endeavor.

Dr. Mitchell Ghen

We met with Dr. Mitchell Ghen, who specializes in stem cell and focusing on life style changes for his patients through diet, hormonal balance, nutrition, detoxification, and exercise. His approach is coming from a more holistic view, which leans toward being more proactive rather than reactive such as traditional medicine. He has been successful with his patients in eradicating

diseases such as diabetes, high blood pressure, and clogged arteries. His research and experience has spanned over 31 years. It all was very intriguing presentation and if this was something that the Nation were to pursue it could be accomplished at a minimal cost. One important thing to remember is that this opportunity would not be an alternative to traditional medicine but can rather supplement or complement it.

NIGC

Some of us also were in attendance at the NIGC tribal consultation at the Seminole Hard rock Hotel & Casino and gave verbal testimony to Chairwoman Travie Stevens, Vice Chairwoman Steffani Cochran, and Commissioner Daniel Little. General Counsel Larry Roberts and Senior Attorney Michael Hoenig were also in attendance.

Representative Littlejohn read the HCN Gaming Commissioners January 24, 2012 comments on the proposed changes to the NIGC regulations as follows, Section 25 CFR, subsections 502.537, 556, 558, and 573. There were also some general comments provided by Legislative Attorney Michael Murphy.

Overall, consensus of the consultation was extremely positive. The NIGC expressed their sincere appreciation for all those that represented their respective tribes at this Tribal Consultation. Chairwoman Travie Stevens stated, "There were very good legitimate comments offered to the NIGC here today."

We were all very honored to have been invited to take part in these seminars and meetings. We came back with some reinforced and new ideas about the direction our Nation could go to become even more prosperous. We hope you enjoyed our report and please do not hesitate to contact us with any comments or questions at 1-800-294-9343.

Pinagiti!

* Representative Visintin's portion of her full report is posted on the Nation's website under the Legislative section of her web page.

We are currently Accepting Applications for the 2012-13 school year, if you have a child that will be 3 on/before Sept. 1, 2012 please call the Head Start in your area.



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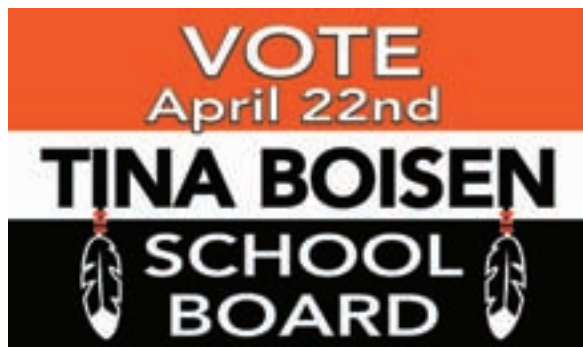
Hello to all my Ho-Chunk family and relatives, I greet you and thank you for your time in reading this article. My given name is Tina Boisen, my Ho-Chunk name is Nacgepiwi, and I would like to take a moment to provide you with a brief profile and information supporting my candidacy for Black River Falls School Board Member.

I was born and raised in my childhood home town of La Crosse, Wisconsin and graduated from Logan High School in 1983. In 1994, via an internship with the Ho-Chunk Nation as a Geographic Information Systems Specialist (GIS), I was introduced to the beautiful Jackson County. In 1996 I graduated from UW-La Crosse; and in 1997 became a resident of the Town of Brockway with my companion in life to raise our children.

Since 1994, I have been a part of the Black River Falls and I embrace this community as the home town of my adulthood. I have one child who has graduated from the BRFHS and currently the other two children are enrolled in the BRF middle school and high school. Between my three daughters, I have experience all five schools as a parent and will continue to be actively involved as a parent for another six years.

My professional experiences in education are listed below:

- > 2 years at the BRF Middle School as a Ho-Chunk Nation tutor working directly with students and staff as tutor, and a the study center writing summer school curriculum, Project Management, and parent trainings
- > 5 years as a BRFSD Title VII Specialist (K-12) which entailed grant writing, coaching, teaching, consulting, mediating, facilitating, project coordinat-



ing on behalf of the native students and families

> Substitute Teaching in BRFSD

> Currently employed as a Youth Enrichment Program Specialist for the Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Education

Based on skills set and experiences, I feel I can provide insight, knowledge and much needed native perspective to the table of the Black River Falls School Board Membership. Please feel free to contact me with your questions and concerns as a voting member of the Black River Falls School District.

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Nacgepiwi
Tina L. Boisen

Indianpreneurship®

**A Native American Journey
Into Business**

Workshop Schedule

March 7, 2012:

Session One – The Journey Begins

Intro to Entrepreneurship, Mission Statements, Business Planning

Session Two – Creating Your Story

The Marketing Process – Part I: Product and Services

March 14, 2012:

Session Three – Good Scouting

The Marketing Process – Part II: Market Research

Session Four – The Road to Discovery

Market Research and Analysis

March 28, 2012:

Session Five – Getting Ready for Market

The Marketing Process – Part III: The Marketing Plan

Session Six – Finding Your Place

Your Business Location and Legal Issues

April 4, 2012:

Session Seven – The Quest for Order

Record Keeping, Systems and Financial Statements

April 11, 2012:

Session Eight – Tracking Dollars

Cash Planning

Session Nine – Listening to Numbers

Tools for Financial Management

April 18, 2012:

Session Ten – Gathering Resources

Small Business Financing

Session Eleven – Dreams into Action

Business Management and Operations

April 25, 2012:

OPEN – Workgroup

May 2, 2012:

Graduation

General Information

Location: Workshops will be held at the Blue Wing Community Building.

Time: All workshops will run from 6:00p.m. to 8:00p.m.

Workshop Schedule: This series includes 7 sessions, 1 work session and graduation. Each session is covered in a single two-hour workshop.

Fees: Register for all sessions and just pay \$25.00.

Awards: Top 5 business plans will receive a copy of QuickBooks!

How to Register: Please contact Francesca Bird with First Nations Community Financial for more information on the Indianpreneurship/Small Business Academy experience and for pre-registering.
608-374-2104

First Nations Community Financial is proud to offer this small business development training curriculum to Ho-Chunk and surrounding communities. Indianpreneurship/Small Business Academy: a unique business course that represents the challenges, experiences and opportunities for Native American entrepreneurs.

This 8-week course offers:

- Case studies relevant to Native American business experiences offer situations and solutions in which students can relate.
- Coursework provides a guided look at Practical business planning concepts for a real-world application.
- Includes helpful easy-to-understand worksheets.
- Provides a completed business plan on completion.
- Presents thorough information on promoting, marketing, and financing a Native-owned business.
- Encourages a network of support from the instructor, other students and the community.



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Wisconsin Judicare Presents:

The 2012 Indian Wills Caravan

Submitted by David Armstrong - Staff Attorney, Indian Law Office

Judicare staff and Students from Columbia Law School will be at the following locations to assist any tribal member who wants to draft a will, powers of attorney, and other basic estate planning services for free.

March 12 - Oneida Reservation, Norbert Hill Center- 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

March 13 - Forest County Potawatomi Community, Tribal Offices, Crandon, WI.- 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

March 14 - Stockbridge-Munsee Community, Mohican Northstar Casino Poker Room- 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

March 15 - Black River Falls, WI. Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal Office Building- 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

March 16 - Wisconsin Dells, House of Wellness - 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Estate Planning for Tribal Members

The Indian Estate Planning Project of Wisconsin Judicare is here to help tribal members with these difficult planning decisions, and with navigating the variety of tribal, federal, and state laws that affect the estate plans of tribal members. Thanks to volunteers from Columbia Law School we are able to offer free will drafting and estate planning services to all tribal that come to one of our upcoming Wisconsin Indian Wills Caravan Clinics.

We know that planning for unexpected events and for the future is a difficult task for everyone. However, good estate planning should make us feel confident and secure. By creating a plan for how to handle our health care decisions, we protect ourselves and our wishes by making them known to the people we trust. In addition, we have made those decisions easier for our loved ones because they can be confident that they are upholding our wishes if they must act on our behalf.

A plan not only helps us protect ourselves and our families, it preserves cultural resources so that they can be enjoyed by future generations. The problem of land fractionation, where trust land is now owned by hundreds of individuals, happened because estate planning services were not available for tribal members, and by leaving a will you can prevent or reduce further fractionation of your land. Also if you have received a house through the Home Ownership Program or the Elder Housing program you can help protect that asset by leaving a will.

Judicare has always provided estate planning services for elders and for low-income members, but thanks to the help of students from Columbia University's Law School we are able to serve anyone who comes to one of our March Will Clinic dates, regardless of their age or income. For more information contact Wisconsin Judicare at 1-800-472-1638



House For Sale

Timber Run Site, Lot 9 Wisconsin Dells
Newly remodeled 4 bedroom, Ranch Style House.
2 full baths, full basement. Appliances included on 4.2 acres of land. Located at W2430 Readle Lane, Lyndon Station, WI.
Wisconsin Dells School District. "Tribal Members Only"
Contact Kevin Vasquez • Cell: 608-844-3352

**ATTENTION
HO-CHUNK NATION
ELDERS
National Indian Council on
Aging Conference**

**September 15-18, 2012
Albuquerque, NM**

The following is tentatively going to be paid for - per the Ho-Chunk Nation Elderly Advisory Board:
Travel, Registration & Membership Fee, Hotel Room & Per Diem

If you plan on attending the trip, a deposit of \$100 is required before March 01, 2012. The deposit will be returned to you upon submission of a trip report after the trip. Please pay by cash or a check payable to: Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal Aging Unit.

(This trip is tentative pending approval from the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature and in the event the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature does not fund this trip, your \$100 deposit will be refunded to you.)

Please contact any Tribal Aging Unit staff member to sign up for this conference. Please bring your Tribal ID Card so a copy can be made, as it is required to send it along with the Conference Registration Form.

Transportation will be determined at a later date, depending on the number of Elders, and the location they reside.

**HO-CHUNK NATION
INSTITUTIONAL REVIEW
BOARD**

Seeking (1) Director & Ad Hoc Directors

Are you familiar with research projects in your profession? We invite you to join our Board of Directors. Board Directors meet monthly to review research projects in our Ho-Chunk community.

On occasion, the Board seeks Ad Hoc Directors provide expertise advice on specific research project(s). If you have credentials in the following fields, we wish to hear from you: Social Services, Pharmaceutical, Substance Abuse, Health Board, Educator, Youth Services, Communications, Planner, Disability, Business Community, and Computer Technology. Other fields of credentials are welcome. Elder and Youth are also encourage to apply.

For more Information, call Joan Greendeer-Lee 715-284-9851, ext. 5008.

NOTICE

**Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution
Reform Task Force
HCRTF**

Regular monthly meeting at 9 am on
Saturday, February 25, 2012 at the
Ho-Chunk Casino in the Upper Dells Boardroom.

**Ho-Chunk Nation Education Department
Board of Directors
Vacancies
District I & District III**

Deadline to submit letter of interest and resume is March 23, 2012
Please forward information to Michelle Cloud
in the Education Department at
Michelle.Cloud@ho-chunk.com
(715) 284-4915 ext. 1269

**NOTICE
REGULAR TERO COMMISSION
MEETING**

**March 14, 2012 (Wednesday) 5:00-7:00 p.m.
Hearty Platter, Tomah, Wisconsin
FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
Nicholas Kedrowski, TERO**

**Parent Resource Committee
Kick Off Event!**



Come Join the Fun!

Invited:

All Parents of Native American Children

Saturday March 10, 2011

12:00p.m.-5:00p.m.

Wanaisguni

Hocira - House Of Wellness

A Traditional Ho-Chunk Meal Will Also Be Served

Contact: Michelle.Cloud@ho-chunk.com

**Educational/
Community**



Door Prizes!

Family

Attention Ho-Chunk Scholars

**Ho-Chunk Scholarship Application for Academic year 2012-2013
May 1st Deadline for submission**

**Any Ho-Chunk Scholarship Application (HSA) submitted
after May 1st will be put on a waiting list.**

**Any Ho-Chunk Scholarship Application submitted on or
before May 1st will be place on a Priority list.**

Funding is limited

Note: HSA is the Only Form required by May 1st (FAFSA and other documents can be submitted once available or requested)

Education Department
Higher Education Division
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Student Primary Email:
higher.education@ho-chunk.com



**HO-CHUNK NATION
HOUSING DEPARTMENT
PROPERTY MANAGEMENT DIVISION**

Request for Proposal for Lawn Mowing

The Department of Housing, Property Management Division is accepting proposals for lawn mowing of the rental properties in Black River Falls, Tomah, Lyndon Station, Lake Delton, and the HWY 12 corridor in the Wisconsin Dells area. The provider may select any or all of the properties

**Proposal with contact information including selected area(s) and each area selected priced separately must be returned by March 1, 2012 to:
Bob Pulley HCN Property Management P. O. Box 170 Tomah, WI 54660**

Mower Provider Conditions:

1. must provide equipment in good working order
2. must be financially responsible for all equipment fuel, repairs and upkeep
3. must provide proof of liability insurance
4. financially responsible for damage to rental or tenant property
5. must have reliable transportation for the equipment
6. must maintain a mowing schedule, provided, weather exceptions
7. must trim around buildings and trees
8. must be able to work in summer weather conditions
9. must be aware of personal property in the yard

The Mower Provider should inspect the properties and may choose any or all of the following listed properties:

1. Black River Falls:
 - a. Maplewood Apartments both sides of Maplewood ct except for the right side from the corner to the fence line coming into the property
 - b. Mission Mobile Homes around all mobile homes and including the play-ground area
2. Tomah:
 - a. 1314 - 1334 Mark Ave behind the old Wal-Mart
 - b. 905 King Ave by Fireman's Park
 - c. 29614 Evergreen next to the Greendeer Homestead
3. Lyndon Station:
 - a. W 1903 Dombek, north on HH to 3/4 mile on the right, Dombek to dead end, farm house only
 - b. W 1627 Taima Lane just off Dee's Rd and Timm Rd not to far from Dells race track
4. Lake Delton
 - a. 106 & 114 Whitlock behind the Lake Delton police and fire departments and across from the grade school
5. Hwy 12 Corridor
 - a. Vagabond Motel off Interstate and Hwy 12
 - b. 3115 Hwy 12 across from the BP on Reedsberg RD
 - c. 3207 - 3215 across from HC Casino
 - d. E 10854 Co-op Lane street next to Candy Shop straight to the end of the street

Additional questions contact Bob Pulley 608-374-1225

HO-CHUNK TRIBAL MEMBER GRADUATES UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS BOOT CAMP

Private Kyle Ian Holick, 19, of Pardeeville, WI graduated from United States Marine Corps boot camp at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego on January 27, 2012. Pvt. Holick successfully completed 13 weeks of intensive basic training at MCRD San Diego as one of 65 recruits in Training Platoon 1063. Following ten days home on leave he will report to Camp Pendleton for one month of Military Combat Training then onto Military Occupation Specialty school in Pensacola FL for one year. He is the son of Michelle Holick and Steve Pulvermacher and grandson of Roger M. Thundercloud.



Congratulations



Cherelle Gunderson competed in the Black River Falls Figure Skating Club 2nd Annual Basic Skills Competition on Saturday, Feb 18th and placed 3rd. Love mom, dad, and the rest of the family.

Happy Birthday 5th "Wiiha" Jocelyn Adela-Rose!



Jocelyn is in 4k and loves attending school, singing out loud, & riding bikes!

We love you. From all your family!



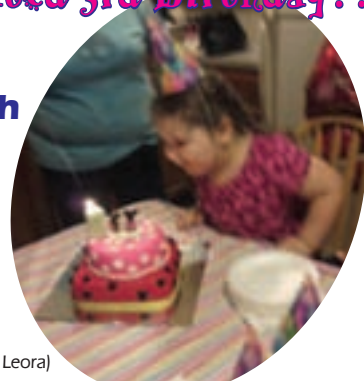
Happy Belated 3rd Birthday!!

Isabella
Reichenbach

2/20/12

Love you a
whole bunch!

Gaga Anna, Mom, Dad,
little brother Samuel,
and your Tega Andy and
Auntie Jamie, and cousins
(Shaila, Ranae, Jennie and Leora)



Happy 11th Birthday Tahlin Jefferson



Love You Very Much ~ Mom, E.J., Grandma and all your family.

The family of **Mary Payer** wishes to express our profound gratitude to the cherished friends and family who extended their genuine sympathy through action, thought, and deed. Your prayers, thoughts, and expressions of support have given our family strength through our time of mourning.

A special thank you goes out to Joey, Ida, Susan, and Millie for their love and guidance. Thank you to Francis Thundercloud, Hattie Walker, and Andy Thundercloud for their assistance as well. We are forever grateful to the Ho-Chunk Nation for their compassion and aid.



Happy 11th Birthday Zebby February 15th

Love, Mom, Bias,
Gaga and your Degas



Donna Stunner makes a Rollin Debut

Sanford LittleEagle
Staff Writer

By day, Arvina Martin dresses in her work attire set for meetings, conference calls, and works in an office. By night, Donna Stunner is dressed in pads, skates, and a helmet ready for war. Arvina, also known as Donna Stunner, is a Rookie Blocker in the Mad Rollin' Dolls, Madison Wisconsin's Premier Roller Derby League. Donna made her debut February 11th 2012 on the flat track center stage in the Veterans Memorial Coliseum in front of about 600 fans.

Donna has been skating since 2010, where she joined the Mad Wreckin' Dolls which is a Recreation League affiliated with the Pro League Mad Rollin Dolls. "That summer I tried out and got

asked to be a referee, so I spent all of last season being a referee." She tried out again this year and was drafted to a team. Stunner is a member of the Vaudeville Vixens. Their team colors are pink & brown. There are four home teams, the Reservoir Dolls, the Unholy Rollers, and the Quad Squad. There are also two Interleague Teams, the Dairyland Dolls which is a (Ranked) Women's Flat Track Derby Association team and Team Unicorn which travels so they can get more experience competing against other Leagues in other cities.

Roller skating has been around as long as Wisconsin has been a state, since 1884. The sport evolved in the 30's from marathon races to the techniques used to jam and block opposing teams used

today. Roller Derby uses either the wooden oval track or the flat track and is now a full contact sport. The teams start out on the line and race to score the most points during the timed bout. There are two 20 minute halves.

Donna totally educated me on the positions that take to the track. There are Jammers who wear a helmet cover with a star on them. Jammers are the ones who skate their wheels off skating in and out of traffic, trying to stay up and moving around the track, the Jammer scores points by lapping/passing the other team. Stunner is a Blocker for her team; it is her job to clear the path for her teams' Jammer to score while trying to keep the opposing team's jammer from getting past them. Now the fun part of Roller Derby, the carnage! These ladies take the track in full stride, as fast as they can skate they are playing defense while on the offense, they use full body blocks, hip checks, some very strong forearm blocking and when they get sent on their way, as the night went on jammers, blockers and pivots were all getting floored by each other's team.

Speaking of the Pivot, they are the teams on track Captain. "You can have four Blockers which include the Pivot and then one Jammer" Stunner explained. The teams cannot go all out striking or pushing each other down there is a lot of skill to falling, tucking, and dropping. Yeah those are all terms you learn as a spectator. "When I first started in the Rec. League, it was a little intimidating (getting hit or blocked down) but you need to learn how to do it properly, so you can do it safely." Said Donna when talking about the training it took to learn the game and how to be an effective player.

In a practice session early in the season, Donna sustained an injury where she had taken a pretty hard hit that sent her into the air and when she



Raising her arms in Victory the Vaudeville Vixens 196
-Fox City Foxz 85

landed she caught her toe stop (brakes) and severely rolled her ankle and as a result of the injury Stunner also tore her meniscus muscle and was bruised to the bone. She sat out for a month completely off skates and rehabbed and worked hard with Dr. Dave a sports medicine chiropractor. Stunner attends three practices a week for her team, in order to play attendance is a factor. You don't practice, you don't skate. Donna goes to four sessions a week, plus works out to maintain her health and abilities.

"I think this is a great sport, before I started in the derby I had issues with depression and was a lump on the couch. This (Roller derby) made me get a lot of confidence in myself; I would love to see more young Indian girls playing this game. I think we have the makings of being really tough athletes, we all know Ho-Chunk women are tough. Ho-Chunks would be a natural for this game." Said Donna, she really encourages the Hinuks to come out and watch a bout.

Martin first got word of Roller Derby from her Hair Stylist, Blanche Devereaux. Devereaux invited Martin to watch her and before the pre-match warm ups were even done "I have to do this, I came up with my derby name and I knew I had to do this!" and Donna Stunner was born. "It's a really fun sport and it's

a great game because it has all the physicality and is really great way to get aggression out."

There were a dozen of Donna Stunner fans and hundreds of Vixen fans in the stands who came to see her debut, family and friends were donning the pink and brown. I didn't wear pink, but was able to manage a brown polo shirt. Many of the Stunner fans were ROARING as the on floor Master of Ceremonies announced #49 Donnnnnna Stunnnnnnnner.

The nights bout was an amazing spectacle, the announcers walk the entire audience through the scoring. Before half time of the bout between the Vaudeville Vixens and the Fox City Foxz, I was reffin' from the press box, calling out the Foxz illegal hits. Donna had over a dozen successful blocks, and I seen her take some pretty hard shots, a few sending her to the floor. It is definitely a full contact sport, and definitely worth the ticket.

Donna predicted a "W" for the Vaudeville Vixens, and that is what happened, Stunner and the Vixens outscored and defeated the Foxz with a Final score Vixens 196 over the Foxz 85. Donna will take to the flat track again at the Veterans Memorial Coliseum in Madison on St. Patrick's Day March 17th.



Team photo of Arvina Martin A.K.A. Donna Stunner
Position: Blocker Rookie Season 2012

Ho-Chunk Gaming Training & Development earns top spot

Submitted by Nehomah Thundercloud, Public Relations Senior Manager

On Monday, February 13, Training magazine presented their 2012 Training Top 125 with crystal awards and announced the rankings during their "Evening with the Stars" gala in Atlanta, GA. Ho-Chunk Gaming-Wisconsin Dells (HCG-WD) earned the ranking of 62 out of the 125 businesses up for awards. Accepting on behalf of HCG-WD was Calvin Whiteagle, Director of Training and Development.

Rankings are determined by assessing a range of

factors including financial investment in employee development, the scope of development programs, and how closely those efforts are linked to business goals and objectives. "It was by far one of the proudest moments in my young career to be representing Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells and the Ho-Chunk Nation in accepting the training industry's most prestigious award on Monday," Whiteagle said. "I am proud of all of our team members. We bested some of the world's top companies. When comparing our resources to those of other

companies, it only speaks more to the quality of team members we have here."

Whiteagle explained, "Due to the scope of our training program curriculum, the organizational commitment to career development, and the all-embracing and inclusive nature of training that makes all employees eligible, Ho-Chunk Gaming-Wisconsin Dells ranked 62. We are thrilled and honored, and grateful to our employees, because no matter where we rank we dwell among winners. We appreciate the honor this brings to the Ho-Chunk Nation, and

particularly to this property and its employees."

Training is a 48-year-old professional development magazine written for training, human resources, and business management professionals in all industries that advocate training and workforce development.

For additional information about the training efforts of all 125 companies see the January/February 2012 issue. The digital edition and individual articles can be found online at www.trainingmag.com.



Calvin Whiteagle, HCG-WD's Director of Training and Development who accepted the award in ATL.